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SUBJECT: NEW ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO, CARLOS

ENRIQUE GOMEZ CENTURION

- 1. DR. CARLOS ENRIQUE GOMEZ CENTURION, THE NEW ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO, PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS JUNE 20. HE REPLACES EZEQUIEL FEDERICO PEREYRA, WHO SERVED HERE LESS THAN A YEAR.
- 2. AMBASSADOR GOMEZ WAS BORN IN SAN JUAN, ARGENTINA MAY 15, 1924. HE IS A GEOLOGIST BY PROFESSION AND IS A GRADUATE OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF CORDOBA. GOMEZ ONCE SERVED AS THE GOVERNOR OF HIS NATIVE SAN JUAN PROVINCE. HE HAS HELD THE DIRECTORSHIPS OF A NUMBER OF BOTH PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENTAL BANKS AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL BANK AND OF THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK OF ARGENTINA. GOMEZ IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A NUMBER OF PRIVATE MINING COMPANIES AND ONCE HEADED THE DEPARTMENT OF MINING IN SAN JUAN.
- 3. GOMEZ HAS REPORTEDLY ATTENDED A NUMBER OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON MINING AND ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE BUSINESSES. HE APPARENTLY ATTENDED A STATE DEPARTMENT SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON NON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES LAST YEAR IN THE U. S. THIS IS HIS FIRST DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT.

4. GOMEZ IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER IRMA BEATRIZ RIZZOTTI AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN; THREE SONS, A LAWYER, AN ARCHITECT, AND A GEOLOGIST, AND A DAUGHTER, WHO IS 20 AND IS STUDYING IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. HE DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH.

DURING A CALL ON AMBASSADOR LUCEY, HE SEEMED FRIENDLY AND APPROACHABLE.

5. AMEMBASSY MEXICO WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING GOMEZ. LUCEY

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